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SUBJECT: EC 135 TELEMETRY SUPPORT VISIT TO SEYCHELLES

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1. PRIME MINISTER F.A. RENE, SENIOR GOS OFFICIAL PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY, GAVE VERBAL ASSENT JULY 12 FOR SUBJECT VISIT TO SEYCHELLES OF NASA EC-135 AIRCRAFT. WE EXPECT RECEIVE WRITTEN RESPONSE TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING CLEARANCE FROM GOS IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. IN VIEW LIMITED PARKING SPACE AT AIRPORT AND HEAVY SCHEDULE OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS DURING PERIOD OF SCHEDULED VISITS, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION REQUESTS AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE OF ANY CHANGES IN ETA'S AND ETD'S TO ENABLE AIRPORT PROVIDE NECESSARY SERVICES.

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3. SHELL AVIATION CAN PROVIDE UP TO 280,000 POUNDS OF JET FUEL. DEMINERALIZED WATER NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY. ACCORDING AIRPORT ENGINEER, AIR FRANCE AND SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS, BOTH OF WHICH OPERATE 707 AIRCRAFT INTO SEYCHELLES, DO NOT REQUIRE DEMINERALIZED WATER.

4. AVIATION SEYCHELLES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AIRPORT SERVICE COMPANY, ADVISES THAT FEE FOR EACH LANDING IS APPROXIMATELY 3,500 RUPEES DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS (UP TO 19:00) AND 5,400 RUPEES AT NIGHT. COST OF ALL OTHER AIRPORT SERVICES (PASSENGER RAMP, BAGGAGE HANDLING, ATTENDANCE AND MARSHALLING, DUTY ENGINEER/DUTY OFFICER, AIR START, PUSH BACK, AIR CONDITIONING, TOILET AND WASTE SERVICES AND PARKING FEE) ESTIMATED AT 8,000 RUPEES FOR ENTIRE JULY 27/31 PERIOD. PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE IS 7.2 RUPEES PER U.S. DOLLAR.

5. WE EXPECT THAT IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE WILL BE REQUIRED ONLY ON FIRST ARRIVAL JULY 27. SEYCHELLES' HEALTH AUTHORITIES REQUIRE CERTIFICATE OF INOCULATION AGAINST SMALLPOX (THREE YEAR VALIDITY) AND CHOLERA (SIX MONTHS VALIDITY) BEFORE TRAVELLER IS PERMITTED TO ENTER COUNTRY. THOUGH NOT RECOMMENDED, INOCULATIONS CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT AIRPORT HEALTH CENTER. INTERIOR OF ALL ARRIVING AIRCRAFT ARE DISINFECTED WITH AEROSOL SPRAY.

6. CONSULATE WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS OF CREW BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL. WE HAVE RESERVED 12 DOUBLE ROOMS AT REEF HOTEL (FIRST CLASS, MEDIUM PRICED, CONVENIENT TO AIRPORT) FOR NIGHTS JULY 27-30. REDUCED PRICE FOR EACH ROOM IS 198.00 RUPEES PER NIGHT, BED AND BREAKFAST, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. AS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS EXPECTED TO BE TIGHT IN LATE JULY, REQUIRE SOONEST ANY MODIFICTIONS TO THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

7. TO ALLAY ANY SPECULATION REGARDING MISSION OF AIRCRAFT, PROPOSE PLACE ARTICLE IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER DRAWING ON INFORMATION PARAS 1-3 REFTEL. ALSO, IF POSSIBLE, RECOMMEND GOS OFFICIALS BE INVITED TOUR AIRCRAFT. PLEASE ADVISE.

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